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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Before the Examiner:
C. Thompson et al.

Serial No.: 09/576,462 : Group Art Unit: 2761 **RECEIVED**

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
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RESPONSE TO DECISION ON PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

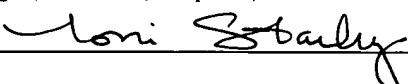
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Decision on Petition to Make Special mailed March 15, 2001 (Paper No. 4), which stated that the Petition previously submitted by Applicants

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on April 10, 2001.


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did not meet the requirements for special status in that it did not state that an infringing device or product was actually on the market or method in use, and that the Petition did not clearly state that a "careful and thorough" search of the prior art had been made.

In response, Applicants hereby state that the alleged infringing product to which the claims of this application were rigidly compared is actually on the market and in use. Further, Applicants have made a careful and thorough search of the prior art.

If any further information is required in support of the Petition, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to telephone Applicants' attorney at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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